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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER
TOWN CLERK
AND
SCHOOL BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF
HAMPTON FALLS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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Town Officers

OFFICERS CHOSEN MARCH ELECTION, 1915

Town Clerk,

F. H. LORD.

Selectmen,

JAMES H. BROWN,

WILLIAM H. JANVRIN.

CHARLES F. COMBS,

Treasurer,

ARTHUR W. BROWN.

Collector of Taxes,

J. EDWARD BROWN.

School Board,

MRS. MABELLE McDEVITT,

J. HERBERT PAGE.

FOREST F. BROWN,

ELECTED NOVEMBER, 1914

Moderator,

WARREN BROWN.

Representative to General Court,

JOHN F. GYNAN.

Supervisors,

JOHN F. GYNAN,

L. E. WADLEIGH.

WALTER A. LADD,

Selectmen's Report

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS

Improved and unimproved lands and buildings, 7,239½ acres	\$348,996.00
Horses, 158	18,235.00
Asses and mules, 4.....	800.00
Oxen, 8	800.00
Cows, 354	13,710.00
Other neat stock, 68	2,320.00
Sheep, 52.....	235.00
Hogs, 3	45.00
Fowls, 1,245	957.00
Vehicles and automobiles	11,600.00
Portable mills, 5.....	595.00
Wood, lumber, etc., not stock in trade (Laws 1911, Ch. 82).....	14,375.00
Municipal bonds and notes.....	90,220.00
Stock in National banks in this state...	2,300.00
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit	15,489.00
Stock in trade.....	7,575.00
Transmission lines	5,600.00
Milling, carding machines, and factories and their machinery.....	2,700.00
Polls, number, 140. Taxes, \$280.00.	
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Total, exclusive of exemptions	\$536,552.00
Amount of taxes committed to collector, including poll taxes	\$6,987.10
Average rate per cent. of taxation for all purposes, \$1.25 per \$100.00.	
Amount exempted to soldiers	\$638.00

HAMPTON FALLS, April 1, 1915.

We certify that the above is a correct transcript of the footings of each column of polls and taxable property, the amount of taxes levied, and the rate per cent. of taxation in the town of Hampton Falls for the year 1915, made and returned to the State Tax Commission in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 169, Laws 1911.

JAMES H. BROWN,
CHARLES F. COMBS,
WILLIAM A. JANVRIN,

Selectmen of Hampton Falls.

Treasurer's Report

For the Year ending February 15, 1916.

Receipts

Property and poll taxes current year	\$6,692.99
Property and poll taxes last year	226.16
From state, insurance tax	98.25
railroad tax	142.38
savings bank tax	295.46
literary fund	51.35
for education	100.00
trunk line maintenance	175.94
fighting forest fires	1.85
dog licenses	92.80
interest on taxes	3.10

Total receipts from all sources \$7,880.28

Cash on hand at beginning of year \$543.48

\$8,423.76

Payments

Paid services and expenses of town officers	\$274.69
Care and supplies for Town Hall and other town property	111.94
Police	12.00
Highways	875.40
Trunk line maintenance	441.29
General highway expense	35.50
Library	73.70
Town poor	376.01
Memorial day	11.00
Interest	16.00
New construction and permanent im- provement	629.42
State tax	992.00

Paid County tax	\$1,091.93
School district	2,131.05
Erecting sign boards	24.25
Abatements and discount	108.11
Printing and stationery	76.10
Legal services	25.00
Cash on hand	1,118.37
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	\$8,423.76

Treasurer's Account in Detail

SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF TOWN OFFICERS

Paid James H. Brown, Selectman	\$84.75
Charles F. Combs, Selectman	36.25
William A. Janvrin, Selectman	39.93
Arthur W. Brown, Treasurer	30.00
Frank H. Lord, Town Clerk	24.67
George C. Healey, Auditor	1.00
George J. Curtis, Auditor	1.00
John N. Sanborn, Auditor	1.00
J. Edward Brown, Collector	50.00
James H. Brown, stationery, express and postage	6.09
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	\$274.69

CARE AND SUPPLIES FOR TOWN HALL AND OTHER PROPERTY

Paid George A. Janvrin, Janitor	\$20.00
Thomas P. Thomas, repairing Town Hall roof	17.89
Charles I. Akerman, care of town clock	10.00
E. Howard Clock Co., repairing town clock	11.05
William N. Brown, painting town clock	43.00
James H. Brown, insurance on town clock	10.00
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	\$111.94

POLICE

Paid Samuel P. Irving	\$2.00	
James Hadley	3.00	
L. P. Clark, conveying man to County Farm.....	4.00	
Hampton Municipal Court, Justice of Peace	3.00	
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		\$12.00

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Paid William H. Thompson.....	\$286.57	
Lawrance E. Wadleigh	308.35	
Paul Batchelder	214.60	
Lawrance E. Wadleigh, snow paths ...	6.40	
Paul E. Batchelder, snow paths.....	2.00	
William H. Thompson, repairing railing on bridge	16.48	
Edwin L. Janvrin, snow paths	10.00	
George F. Merrill, snow paths	6.00	
Fred P. Sanborn, gravel.....	25.00	
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		\$875.40

TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE

Paid Paul E. Batchelder.....	\$342.53	
William A. Grover	98.76	
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		\$441.29

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE

Paid N. E. Road Machinery Co., road drag and repairs.....	\$32.50	
Charles Harrison, repair of road ma- chine.....	3.00	
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		\$35.50

LIBRARIES

Paid Ellen F. Lord, Treasurer	\$50.00
Sadie E. Janvrin, Librarian.....	23.70
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	\$73.70

TOWN POOR

Paid Dover Children's Home, board of Cope-	
land children	\$324.23
Superintendent County Farm, board of	
Charles A. Pike.....	51.78
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	\$376.01

MEMORIAL DAY

Decorating Soldiers' Graves

Paid Charles F. Combs.....	\$11.00
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INTEREST

Paid Helen F. Batchelder	\$16.00
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NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVE-
MENT

Paid Walter B. Farmer, labor on highway ..	\$450.00
Paul E. Batchelder, labor on highway .	73.00
B. T. Janvrin, lumber for Swett's bridge	88.68
James H. Brown, labor on Swett's bridge	12.00
George F. Merrill, material for Swett's	
bridge	5.74
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	\$629.42

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

Paid state tax	\$992.00
County tax	1,091.93
Payments to School Districts.....	2,131.05
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	\$4,214.98

ERECTING SIGN BOARDS

Paid B. T. Janvrin, posts.....	\$4.50	
Charles F. Combs, setting posts	8.00	
A. C. and M. L. Felkin, making sign board	9.00	
William N. Brown, painting signs ...	2.75	
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		\$24.25

ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNT

Paid John E. Brown, abatement.....	\$12.96	
John E. Brown, discount on taxes....	89.15	
Warren Brown, public watering place	3.00	
Charles A. Hardy, public watering place	3.00	
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		\$108.11

PRINTING AND STATIONERY

Paid John Templeton, printing town re- ports and inventories.....	\$72.00	
James H. Batchelder, books, blanks .	4.10	
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		\$76.10

LEGAL ADVICE

Paid John L. Mitchell, legal services	\$25.00
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BALANCE SHEET

February 15, 1916

Assets

Cash.....	\$1,118.37
Tax of 1915 due.....	294.11
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	\$1,412.48

Liabilities

Unpaid balance:	
Permanent Improvement Fund.....	\$536.00
Trunk line maintenance account.....	333.65
Outstanding note.....	400.00
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	\$1,269.65
Surplus	<hr/> \$142.83

ARTHUR W. BROWN, *Treasurer.*

HAMPTON FALLS, N. H., February 19, 1916.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and a balance in his hands of eleven hundred and eighteen dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$1,118.37).

JOHN N. SANBORN,
 GEORGE J. CURTIS,
Auditors.

Itemized Bills

Town of Hampton Falls to James H. Brown, Dr.

For services as Selectman for year ending Feb. 15, 1916.

To distributing inventories	\$1.00
three and one-half days appraising	7.00
making list of dogs for Town Clerk .....	.50
writing and posting notice of meetings ..	.50
writing and posting notice to receive in- ventories .....	.50
helping build stage at town clock	1.00
trip to Town Clerk .....	.50
three trips to Charles F. Combs'	1.50
three trips to William A. Janvrin's	1.50
one trip to Kensington .....	.50
one trip to F. P. Sanborn's gravel pit .....	.50
one trip to John L. Huff's .....	.50
one trip to north part of town .....	.50
one trip to Hampton Falls Village .....	.50
meeting Mr. Grover .....	.50
locating pole line	1.00
attending jury meeting .....	.50
revising jury list .....	.50
time and expense 2 trips to Portsmouth.	3.50
trip to Morton Bridge .....	.50
setting guide post .....	.50
fixing road machine .....	.50
making returns to State Treasurer, Secre- tary of State, Tax Commission, State Engineer, State Board of Charities, etc.	7.00
17 meetings at Town Hall	21.25
114 hours on town books at 25c	28.50
mailing moth notices	1.00
filling out and posting warrant	1.00
time on state road	1.00
distributing town reports	1.00
	\$84.75

Town of Hampton Falls to Charles F. Combs, Dr.

For services as Selectman for year ending Feb. 15, 1916

To three and one-half days appraising	\$7.00	
distributing inventories	1.00	
oil for clock . . . . .	.50	
meeting selectmen at bridges . . . . .	.50	
locating poles for high tension wire	1.00	
trip to Amesbury for flags and flowers	1.50	
trip to John Huff's . . . . .	.50	
two meetings at James H. Brown's	1.00	
revising jury list . . . . .	.50	
17 meetings at Town Hall	21.25	
distributing town reports	1.00	
trip to F. H. Lord's . . . . .	.50	
		<hr/> 36.25

Town of Hampton Falls to William A. Janvrin, Dr.

For services as Selectman for year ending Feb. 15, 1916.

To 16 meetings at Town Hall	\$20.00	
locating electric light poles . . . . .	.25	
inspecting bridge . . . . .	.50	
distributing inventory blanks	1.00	
trip to Kensington line on account of fire	1.00	
repairing road machine . . . . .	.50	
locating high tension poles . . . . .	.50	
three and one-half days appraising	7.00	
trip to Mr. Huff's . . . . .	.50	
time spent in regard to painting town clock	1.50	
setting guide posts . . . . .	.50	
attending two jury meetings	1.00	
two trips to James H. Brown's	1.00	
one trip to C. F. Combs' . . . . .	.50	
freight on road drag	1.81	
express on scraper blade . . . . .	.84	
spikes for bridge . . . . .	.53	
distributing town reports	1.00	
		<hr/> \$39.93

Town of Hampton Falls to Frank H. Lord, Dr.

To services as Town Clerk for year ending Feb. 15, 1916.

To recording 21 pages at 17c.....	\$3.57
65 pages at 12c.....	7.80
2 births at 15c.....	.30
3 marriages at 15c.....	.45
9 deaths at 15c.....	1.35
reports to Insurance Commissioner.....	1.00
State Registrar.....	2.10
Selectmen.....	2.10
posting Primary notices.....	.50
paid E. H. Thompson, 1 certificate.....	.25
A. M. Fernald, 1 certificate.....	.25
A. M. Chesley, 2 certificates.....	.50
two jury meetings.....	3.00
dog license book.....	1.50

 \$24.67
Town of Hampton Falls to William H. Thompson, Dr.

To work on roads.

June	8, two teams.....	\$9.50
	8, four men.....	8.00
	9, two teams.....	9.50
	9, four men.....	8.00
	10, two teams.....	2.50
	10, two men.....	4.00
July	2, teams.....	4.50
	3, men.....	2.00
	3, team.....	2.50
	3, men.....	2.00
	10, team.....	2.50
	10, man.....	1.00
	12, teams.....	5.00
	12, men.....	3.50
	20, team and two men.....	5.25
	31, team and man.....	2.50

July 31, two men.....	\$2.00
Grant Sanborn, work on snow paths, 1915..	1.00
Sept. 27, removing tree .....	.50
4 shovels.....	4.00

\$79.75

Town of Hampton Falls to William H. Thompson, Dr.

To bridge railings:

Exeter Lumber Co.....	\$9.18
A. Young.....	.30
William H. Thompson, hauling lumber and erecting same.....	7.00

\$16.48

Town of Hampton Falls to William H. Thompson, Dr.

To work on highways:

Getting and fixing road machine.....	\$2.50
Hook for road machine.....	.25
William H. Thompson and team, 5 days....	25.00
C. Davis and team, 5 days.....	22.50
J. Reilly.....	9.37
J. Drive.....	10.50
May 12, team and two men.....	6.75
13, team and two men.....	6.75
18, team and three men.....	4.30
19, team and three men.....	4.30
25, two teams.....	9.50
25, C. Davis and team.....	4.50
25, G. Sanborn and team.....	4.50
25, two men.....	4.00
26, two teams.....	5.50
26, C. Davis and team.....	2.50
26, G. Sanborn and team.....	2.50
26, three men.....	3.00
27, two teams.....	9.50
27, Grant Sanborn and team.....	4.50

May 27, three men	\$6.00
June 1, two teams	9.50
3, three men	6.00
2, two teams	9.50
2, four men	8.00
3, two teams	9.50
3, three men	6.00

\$196.72

Town of Hampton Falls to Paul E. Batchelder, Dr.

From April 1 to July 21.

Paul E. Batchelder, team, 11 days at \$4.50	\$49.50
Paul E. Batchelder, man, 15 days at \$1.75..	26.25
David F. Batchelder, team, 4 days at \$4.50.	18.00
David F. Batchelder, running road scraper..	1.50
Lawrence Wadleigh, team, 3 days at \$4.50..	13.50
Chase, team, 1 day, 8 hours	8.50
Arthur Smith, team, 1 day at \$4.50	4.50
Albert Young, shoveling gravel, 2 days at \$1.75	3.50
Amos Gove, 3 days at \$1.75	5.25
Austin Perry, 4 days at \$1.75	7.00
Ray Combs, 3 days at \$1.75	5.25
Paul E. Batchelder, 3 days at \$2.00	6.00
Leonard Creighton, 3 days at \$1.00	3.00
George Avins, raking rocks, 1½ days	1.85
George F. Merrill, gravel, 15 loads	1.50
Paid Warren Brown	30.00
Paid W. H. McDevitt	13.50
Paid W. H. McDevitt on washouts	16.00

\$214.60

Town of Hampton Falls to B. T. Janvrin, Dr.

Sept. 7, 912 ft. spruce	\$25.54
7, 1540 ft. 3x8 hard pine at 41c	63.14

\$88.68

Town of Hampton Falls to L. E. Wadleigh, Dr.

To David K. Irving, labor	\$15.02
Samuel P. Irving, labor	17.50
Walter A. Ladd, labor	29.12
L. E. Wadleigh, labor	13.60
Applecrest Farm Co.	12.71
David F. Batchelder, labor.	5.00
Frank J. Robie, labor	14.95
Henry Lantz, labor	12.25
Amos Gove, labor.	10.25
Albert Young, labor	17.25
Ray Combs, labor	12.00
J. Edward Brown, labor .....	.75
Arthur C. Smith, labor with team.	9.00
J. Edward Brown, labor with team.	9.00
L. E. Wadleigh, labor with team	106.35
C. F. Combs, labor with team.	11.50
F. R. Pevear, labor with team	4.50
George F. Merrill, gravel	2.60
Charles Harrison, sharpening picks .....	.75

 \$304.10
Town of Hampton Falls to Edwin L. Janvrin, Dr.

Feb. 3, E. L. Janvrin, team making snow paths, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	\$2.50
3, B. T. Janvrin, team making snow paths, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	2.50
3, D. F. Batchelder, 2 teams making snow paths, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	5.00

 \$10.00
Town of Hampton Falls to James H. Brown, Dr.

Labor on Morton Hill bridge

To J. H. Brown, 1 day	\$2.00
C. F. Combs, 1 day	2.00
W. A. Janvrin, 1 day	2.00

To J. E. Brown, 1 day	\$2.00
L. E. Wadleigh, 1 day	2.00
Ray Combs, 1 day	2.00

\$12.00

Town of Hampton Falls to W. B. Farmer, Dr.

To scraping road	\$15.10
sloping road after rains	12.15
spreading gravel	51.00
removing rocks	13.50
6 days raking	12.00
dynamite, caps and fuse	4.60
preparatory work in pit	4.50
pole for road machine	1.50
512 loads gravel	490.25

\$604.60

Cr.

July 8, road machine	\$1.50
8, cash	450.00
donation by W. B. Farmer	153.10

\$604.60

Town of Hampton Falls to Paul Batchelder, Dr.

For permanent Improvement Fund

To David F. Batchelder, 3 days	\$13.50
Lawrence Wadleigh, 3 days	13.50
Millard Dalton, 3 days	13.50
Arthur Smith, 1 day	4.50
— Chase, 1 day	4.50
Paul E. Batchelder, 3 days	6.00
Austin Perry, 3 days	5.25
Ray Combs, 3 days	5.25
Albert Young, 3 days	5.25
Peter Doyle, 1 day	1.75

\$73.00

Town of Hampton Falls to Paul E. Batchelder, Dr.

Labor on state road

Two horse team, 42 2-9 days at \$5.00	\$211.11	
One horse team, 16 1-9 days at \$3.50	56.39	
Man, 31 days at \$2.00	62.00	
Paid G. F. Merrill, 77 loads gravel at 10c ..	7.70	
freight.....	5.33	
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		\$342.53

ABATEMENTS, FEBRUARY 15, 1916

Tax of 1914

Arthur Jones, poll	\$2.00	
Joe Yackstick	2.00	
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		\$4.00

Tax of 1915

Estate of Eliza Drew, illegal	\$2.96	
Charles Adams, poll	2.00	
Samuel Creighton, poll	2.00	
E. D. Downs, poll	2.00	
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		\$8.96

Janitor of Town Hall Accounts

From December 31, 1915, to January 8, 1916.

Cr.

Mar. 8, Sawdusting hall	\$1.00
8, Opening for caucus .....	.50
Aug. 28, J. S. Gilman, repairing clock	1.10
Nov. 1, One cord pine wood	4.00
1, One cord hard wood	5.00
1, G. F. Merrill's bill	5.65
Opening for Y. M. C. A. from Feb. 15, 1915, to Jan. 31, 1916, 26 times	13.00
Opening for entertainments from Dec. 31, 1914, to Jan. 8, 1916, and Grange, from Jan. 7, 1915, to Jan. 20, 1916	21.75
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	\$52.00

Dr.

Aug. 26, Batchelder reunion	\$1.00
Nov. 22, Ladies' club	1.00
Dec. 31, Ladies' club	2.00
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Jan. 8, Newburyport party	3.00
20, Grange	25.00
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	\$32.00
Due Janitor	<hr/> \$20.00

Library Report

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Dr.

1915.		
To cash on hand	\$1.47	
town appropriation	50.00	
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		\$51.47

Cr.

1916.		
Feb. 7, paid W. B. Clark Co.....	\$46.56	
express on books.....	.39	
Mr. J. H. Brown, car fare to		
Boston and return	2.16	
cash in the treasury	2.36	
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		\$51.47

ELLEN F. LORD, *Treasurer.*

HAMPTON FALLS, February 19, 1916.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Library Treasurer and find them well vouched and correctly cast and a balance in her hands of two dollars and thirty-six cents for the year ending February 15, 1916.

JOHN N. SANBORN,
GEORGE J. CURTIS,
Auditors.

Librarian's Report



HAMPTON FALLS, February 19, 1916.

1915.

Feb. 15, by cash on hand.....	\$0.42
Apr. 4, card .....	.02
11, fine.....	.14
June 20, fine.....	.14
Aug. 28, fine.....	.14
Sept. 25, fine.....	.25
Oct. 9, card .....	.02
23, card .....	.02

1916.

Feb. 5, card .....	.02
5, fine.....	.14

Cash on hand\$1.31

S. E. JANVRIN, *Librarian.*

Annual Report of School Board

SCHOOL OFFICERS

Mrs. Mabelle McDevitt..... }
J. Herbert Page } School Board
Forest F. Brown..... }

John F. Gynan.....Treasurer

Maro S. BrooksSuperintendent
Residence, 14 Elm St., Exeter; telephone, Exeter, 549-W.

TEACHERS

North School—Spring term: Miss Mary Peterson, \$9 per week; Mrs. Winnie D. Hunt (Sub.), \$10 per week.

Fall term: Mrs. Winnie D. Hunt, \$12 per week.

Winter term: Miss Marjorie Evans, \$12 per week.

South School—Fall and winter terms: Miss Martha Brown, \$7.50 and \$8 per week.

East School—Entire year: Miss Emma Bell, \$10 and \$12 per week.

West School—Spring term: Miss Phyllis Richardson, \$8 per week.

East School—35 weeks.

North School—34 3-5 weeks.

{ *West School*—12 weeks.

{ *South School*—20 1-5 weeks.

ROLL OF HONOR

Pupils Present Two Terms

Marguerite Thompson.

Helen McDevitt.

Carolyn Hadley.

Sarah Hadley.

Rachel Hadley.

Dorothy Hadley.

Priscilla Akerman.

Charlotte Akerman.

Eleanor Janvrin.

Evelyn Pressey.

Oliver Akerman.

Richard Godfrey.

Elmer Godfrey.

Pupils Present One Term

Constance Thompson.	Roscoe Berry.
Annie Seward.	Henry Brown.
Albert Seward.	Almon Creighton.
John Batchelder.	Lewis Creighton.
Charles Thurston.	Thayer Edgerly.
Theodore Smith.	Viola Kenniston.
Marilla Edgerly.	Dorothy Pressey.

This year we were able to unite with Exeter and Newfields in a supervisory district. Mr. Maro S. Brooks was chosen by the district as Superintendent of Schools. No comment need be made by the Board on his work. The results show, only too plainly, the value of his knowledge and care to us. The schools are in a much more satisfactory condition in every respect than a year ago.

The East School was fortunate to have throughout the year the same teacher as last year, Miss Emma Bell. She has shown the same elements of thorough teaching as characterized her last year's work. The progress in this school has been very satisfactory.

The children of the West and South Districts were united at the West School with Miss Phyllis Richardson as teacher, for spring term.

There were more pupils in the South District in September, and Miss Martha Brown was engaged as teacher. Owing to whooping cough in this district, the school was closed for almost three weeks, and then to avoid losing any more time, the well pupils and their teacher were removed to West District for six weeks.

This is Miss Brown's first year of teaching, but she has aroused the interest of her pupils, and aimed to be thorough in her work. Professional training would be of great ad-

vantage to Miss Brown, as she has already shown much natural ability.

It seems best to make up these lost weeks when the weather becomes more suitable.

The spring term in the North District was taught by Miss Mary Peterson for nine and one-fifth weeks. Mrs. Winnie D. Hunt substituted for the rest of the term.

The fall term was taught by Mrs. Hunt. In her charge the school became one of the most satisfactory in discipline, and the children did excellent work in their studies also.

Mrs. Hunt was unable to return for the winter term, and Miss Marjorie Evans was procured to fill the vacancy. Miss Evans has had one year's experience, and not only brings with her many new ideas, but the knowledge of how to make these ideas useful and helpful in her school work.

The lightning rods have been placed on the North School-house and the fence rebuilt around the school grounds. Minor repairs on all the school houses have been made as usual.

MRS. MABELLE McDEVITT,
J. HERBERT PAGE,
FOREST F. BROWN,

School Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The School Board recommends that the following sums of money be raised and appropriated the ensuing year.

For support of schools, required by law	\$930.00
High school tuition, statutory	400.00
Text-books and supplies, statutory	125.00
Flags, statutory	10.00
In addition	520.00

SCHOOL STATISTICS—ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 15, 1915

SCHOOLS	TEACHERS	Total Enrollment	Boys	Girls	Average attendance	Average membership	Percentage of daily attendance	Number of cases of tardiness	Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	Number of visits of members of School Board	Number of visits of Superintendent	Number of visits of parents and others
North.....	Miss Trefethen Miss Peterson..... Mrs. Hunt (sub).....	18	5	13	11.82	13.50	87.	18	2	15	0	41
East.....	Miss Bell.....	41	23	18	29.57	33.63	87.92	150	0	18	0	26
West.....	Miss Richardson	13	9	4	11.35	12.56	90.36	7	0	15	0	52
	Total.....	72	37	35	52.74	59.69	88.42	175	2	48	0	119

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Board of Hampton Falls:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you my first report as Superintendent of Schools. Supervision in Hampton Falls is no longer an experiment, although the office was vacant last year. As only five and a half months have elapsed since I took up the work, I have done hardly more than study the conditions in each district and, as far as possible, the individual needs of the children. Apart from trying to help the teachers with their various problems and to give them the feeling of confidence that should come from sympathetic supervision, I have been able to do but little.

I appreciate fully your kindness in retaining many of the duties that are generally performed by a superintendent. I have already assumed the task of looking after the textbooks and scholars' supplies and hope in time to relieve you of many other details of management that properly belong to me.

THE SUPERINTENDENT

Perhaps some who read this report might be interested to know what conception their superintendent has of the duties of his important office. That the office is important, and that the responsibility of directing the department, whose sole concern is with the welfare of the children, is great, no one will deny. Your superintendent is more deeply impressed every day with the seriousness of his task and with the unlimited scope of his opportunity.

The superintendent is not a member of the School Board, but yet he is its executive officer. He is not a teacher, and still he is at the head of the teaching force. He must have the confidence of the Board and the loyalty of his teachers. He must fit into the community and be a part of it, although

this is exceedingly difficult when he is not a resident of the town. He must have a friendly attitude toward everybody and be eager to be of help to everybody, especially when the interests of an individual child or of a group of children are at stake. He must not waste his time in wishing that conditions were different. If he can not change the conditions, he must take them as they are and make the best of them. In other words, he must take people and things as they come. Constructive criticism and helpful suggestion he will always welcome.

THE TEACHERS

In a community where there are only two or three schools and no *resident* superintendent, only teachers with normal training should be employed. In the larger towns and cities the superintendent may do much to counterbalance the lack of training through his teachers' meetings and round-table conferences. In the case of the teacher who is working several miles away from any other teacher, he can do something in the way of suggestion and in the direction of her professional reading. There is, however, a certain enthusiasm that comes from numbers. The feeling that one is not working alone on a problem and the friendly interchange of ideas are undeniable sources of help. It is my hope that I may find a way of including all the teachers of my supervisory district in attendance at occasional meetings in Exeter. With your approval I may authorize our teachers to make some adjustment of their time-tables that will allow them to close their afternoon sessions early for this purpose.

The old saying, "As is the teacher, so is the school," is still true as far as it goes, but in the present day adequate equipment is demanded as well. Someone has suggested that the old saw be put negatively, for surely "As the teacher is not, so the school is not." Nothing could be truer. In order to obtain the results that our citizens expect, the teacher must be well qualified for her work. Her government must

be kind as well as firm, and her idea of teaching must be something more than merely to *examine* the children on the pages that she has given them to *learn*.

It is a pleasure to note that each of our three teachers is eager to increase her efficiency in every possible way. I will not attempt to characterize their work in detail, as I could only repeat what you have said in your report.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS

While the relations of our teachers with their pupils' parents are for the most part cordial, I feel that a great deal of good would come to the schools through the cultivation of mutual acquaintance. The fact that a teacher has met a parent has often changed the whole attitude of a pupil toward the school. This is particularly true if the parent and teacher have shared some form of entertainment.

I believe heartily in some kind of parent-teacher association. One such organization has already been formed in Hampton Falls as the outcome of a largely attended Christmas party. During its existence of less than two months it has already been productive of excellent results. I refer to the North School Neighborhood Club. This club plans to study and discuss various educational problems, both general and local, but it has wisely adopted the idea of having a good time and of including frequently all the young people and children of the district. Such a plan should assure to the club a longer and more useful life than is sometimes accorded to similar organizations that are started for the purpose of study alone.

It is my earnest hope that the rest of the town may be so thoroughly organized that every person interested in the children of Hampton Falls may be moved to join, and that I may have an equal opportunity of knowing the people of the other districts. In a neighborhood where the right kind of association exists, misunderstandings between parents and school authorities are well nigh impossible.

ORGANIZATION OF RURAL SCHOOLS

There are two ways of organizing a rural school, either by grading or by classification. At present our schools are graded, and so great seems to be the interest attaching to the present plan that I almost hesitate to suggest a change. Pupils are not often equally good in their work in all subjects. By the present system those of a certain grade who excel in reading but find difficulty with arithmetic, must wait for those who are poor in reading and must struggle to keep up with those who, if it were not for them, could advance rapidly in arithmetic. Some pupils during their second year in school are sufficiently mature to take in and enjoy the reading material of the fourth grade and lose interest, if they are obliged to confine themselves to the stories that appeal to the average child of their grade.

According to a system of classification the pupil who is able to forge ahead in his arithmetic may do so, although he may be reading with boys and girls younger than himself. What is true of reading and arithmetic is true of other combinations of subjects. When, in the opinion of the teacher and superintendent, the pupil is ready for the high school, he has finished his elementary course. This is true under the present system, but now he is kept back a whole year in everything, if he fails of promotion. By either system it is the teacher who decides as to his fitness for advancement.

In a classified school a pupil may even save a year or more by being encouraged to go on as fast as his ability permits. If he has finished the prescribed work in any given subject, the chances are that he has not exhausted it. He is now able to broaden and deepen his knowledge in the same field, putting his extra time into the studies in which he has not succeeded so well.

At first, the pupil might feel strange to find himself in a class with younger pupils in one subject, with those of his own age in another, and with older ones in still another. Very soon, however, seeing others working with different

groups in different subjects, he would take the plan as a matter of course, doing his best to join as high a division as possible in each subject.

In a school of seven or eight grades it is manifestly impossible to have a special period for each study in each grade. Classification of such a school would result in a more effectual use of the teacher's time and energy. In each of our three schools certain combinations exist already. In the East School still others must be made, if one teacher is to handle so large a school as this will be next year and with so many different grades.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our teachers are to be commended for their efforts to have as nearly a perfect record of attendance as possible, although it seems unjust many times to hold a pupil late when it is not his fault. Unfortunately, almost the only way of reminding the home of the importance of being on time seems to be to utilize the parent's desire to protect the child from consequences that are unpleasant and undeserved. A late breakfast or an errand before school may, in an emergency, furnish a legitimate reason for lateness. In fact, it is easy to conceive of a home situation so serious that the child's absence would not only be justifiable, but valuable in developing the spirit of helpfulness.

Being on time and sticking to the job are two of the most important lessons that the school has to teach. Besides, loss of school time means loss of effort for which the whole district has to pay. We ask for the co-operation of parents in this important phase of school life.

TRANSPORTATION

One of the most difficult problems that school officials have to face is the consolidation of two or more schools and the consequent problem of transportation. But for the unjustifiable expense and the lack of school spirit, the simplest and most satisfactory solution would be to maintain a school within walking distance of every child.

The law prescribes that the School Board shall provide for all scholars of the district as nearly equal educational advantages as practicable. The Board must use its own judgment in deciding what buildings shall be used and must depend upon the sympathetic co-operation of all the people whose children are concerned. The smaller the school and the more remote, the greater the need of making it the best school possible. This means a good teacher, a good building, and good equipment,—in short, all of the “educational advantages” contemplated by the law.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is not only the privilege but the duty of the superintendent to bring to the attention of the School Board and of the citizens of the town some of the more recent ideas in education and to recommend the adoption of such as, in his opinion, would serve the interests of the children under his care. There are three of these ideas which would be new to us, although they have been thoroughly and satisfactorily tried out in many other places. I refer to Medical Inspection, Manual Training and Domestic Arts, and Agriculture.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

In most cities and large towns the employment of a school physician is an accepted fact. It is surely just as important to look after the physical condition of the children in the smaller towns and villages. The first step toward efficiency in any line of business is the elimination of waste. This is certainly true in the great process which we call education. It is difficult to imagine anything more wasteful than the attempt to teach a child who is handicapped by physical defects which are not realized by the child himself or discovered by his family. Even the teacher may mistake deafness or defective vision, for example, for dullness or perversity, thereby doing great injustice to the child who is innocently wasting his own time and that of the class.

The cost of Medical Inspection is slight when compared

with the beneficial results obtained. I heartily recommend the adoption of the Medical Inspection Act of 1913.

MANUAL TRAINING AND DOMESTIC ARTS

Work in Manual Training and in Domestic Arts is rapidly being introduced into even the smallest of rural schools. If no result other than the pupils' greatly increased interest in all the work of the school were to be obtained, this alone would amply justify the added expense. The equipment is necessarily simple, consisting of a bench or two and a small outfit of tools for the boys, an oil-stove and a few kitchen utensils for the girls. Both courses are given by the regular teacher who has prepared herself for this work as a part of her normal training.

The object of these courses is not to make carpenters or cooks. They are given because of their *educational* value. Someone has said that the aim is to develop the child *by means* of manual work and not to train *for* manual work. Still it must be agreed that the ability to use one's hands or to prepare an acceptable meal is not to be despised.

The boys do not have to spend their time making useless articles, but things that are needed at home, such as sleds, chicken coops, etc. The girls often do canning and bread-making for those people of the district who care to furnish materials, and in some schools they prepare and serve something warm for the noon luncheon. As can be readily seen, these courses interest the home and serve to bring about the co-operation without which nothing of value can be accomplished.

Incidentally it may be said that pupils desiring to follow the Mechanic Arts course of a secondary school in a town where these courses are given in the seventh and eighth grades will find themselves greatly handicapped from not having had a start in this kind of work.

AGRICULTURE

What is true of the courses described above is equally true of Agriculture. The object is not to make farmers.

In many states the study of Agriculture in all the public schools has been made compulsory. The course includes the study of farm animals, farm and garden crops, plant improvement, soil fertility and composition, drainage, farm machinery, and other kindred subjects. It is difficult to conceive of any better educational material than is furnished by this course. It correlates with every subject of the broadest school programme: reading, language, arithmetic, geography, history, botany, biology, physics, chemistry, and manual training. The practical knowledge obtained and the interest aroused in a child's surroundings are of inestimable value, whatever vocation he may follow in later life.

I recommend the adoption of a course in Manual Training or in Agriculture, or in both, as soon as the interest of the community is sufficiently aroused in them to provide for their establishment.

STATE AID

The property valuation of Hampton Falls is so great that in comparison with the number of children for whom it has to furnish schools that, with the exception of one-half of the superintendent's salary, it receives no state aid. This fact would seem to indicate that this town can command the *best* in the matter of subjects to be taught, of equipment, and above all, of teaching.

IN CONCLUSION

It is a pleasure to record that in my entire Supervisory District I have been met with uniform courtesy in the discharge of my duties and have been the recipient of much kindness at the hands of many people. In return I can only offer my entire devotion to the educational interests of all three of my towns. My chief regret is that I can not reside in them all.

Respectfully submitted,

MARO S. BROOKS,

Superintendent of the District of Exeter, Newfields, and Hampton Falls.

School Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Balance on hand, March 14, 1915	\$259.53
Seabrook tuition, 1914	9.25
Town appropriation for schools	1,400.00
Dog tax	85.70
High school tuition	336.00
Supplies	116.00
Literary fund	51.35
Lightning rods	42.00
Superintendent's salary	100.00

\$2,399.83

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries	\$1,029.10
Edward E. Babb & Co., books, charts, and supplies	60.62
American Book Co., books	5.64
Ginn & Co., books	21.13
Little, Brown & Co., books	10.28
Milton, Bradley & Co., paper and merchan- dise	3.26
Silver, Burdette & Co., books	2.02
Vermont School Seat Co., inkwells and glasses	1.85
Houghton, Mifflin Co., books	3.05
George F. Merrill, merchandise	1.50
L. B. Smith & Son., wood	7.50
George A. Janvrin, wood	20.50
H. T. Moulton, wood	6.00
Edwin L. Janvrin, wood	3.25
L. E. Wadleigh, wood	6.00
C. H. Crosby, wood and repairs at South School	25.00
Wm. H. Thompson, sawing wood	2.95
D. F. Batchelder, sawing wood	3.00

Clifford Creighton, Janitor, sawing wood ..	\$12.00
George Hadley, Janitor, sawing wood	2.00
Theodore Smith, Janitor, sawing wood	4.50
Maurice Perkins, Janitor, sawing wood	10.50
Mrs. McDevitt, supplies, repairs, telephone, express	21.21
F. F. Brown, Janitor, supplies, cleaning schoolhouse	12.00
Salary of Superintendent, 6 months	120.00
Alberta K. Robie, carrying school children.	25.30
Arthur Smith, carrying school children ...	21.60
Charles A. Hardy, carrying school children	116.00
Mrs. McDevitt, chairman School Board ..	20.00
Herbert Page, oiling floor, member of School Board	11.00
F. F. Brown, Janitor, member of School Board	16.00
John F. Gynan, Treasurer of Board, postage.	15.00

\$1,619.76

REPAIRS OF NORTH SCHOOL

F. F. Brown, materials for fence, sawing wood	\$6.70
Exeter Lumber Co., lumber and windows..	6.85
B. T. Janvrin, lumber for fence	14.17
H. W. Hawes, repair work	4.50
George B. Shaw, installing lightning rods .	42.00
A. G. Wadleigh, work on building and fence .	16.75

\$90.97

REPAIRS ON EAST SCHOOL

S. L. Brown, labor and material	\$2.00
James Creighton, rope in flag pole, installing ink wells	1.75

REPAIRS ON WEST SCHOOL

L. E. Wadleigh, material and labor	\$1.25
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\$5.00

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Robinson Seminary:	
Bertha Smith, 1 term	\$13.00
Mary A. Chase, 3 terms	40.00
Mary C. Chase, 3 terms	40.00
Exeter High School:	
F. D. Perkins, 1 term	13.00
Harold Batchelder, 3 terms	40.00
Harold Thompson, 3 terms	40.00
Hampton High School:	
George Avins, 3 terms	30.00
Russell Merrill, 3 terms	30.00
Louis Janvrin, 3 terms	30.00
Wallace Pressey, 2 terms	20.00
Doris Elkins, 2 terms	20.00
Marion Merrill, 2 terms	20.00
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	\$336.00
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	\$2,051.73
Total amount received for schools	\$2,399.83
Total amount spent for schools	2,051.73
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Cash balance	\$348.10

JOHN F. GYNAN, *Treasurer.*

HAMPTON FALLS, February 19, 1916.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the School Treasurer for the year ending February 15, 1916, and find them well vouched and correctly cast, and a balance on hand of three hundred and forty-eight dollars and ten cents.

JOHN N. SANBORN,
 GEORGE J. CURTIS,
Auditors.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Hampton Falls, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1915.

Date	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.		No. of Child.	Living or Still-born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Nov. 20	Eleanor J.	F	3	L		Samuel Seward	Mabel S. Roberts	Exeter	Exeter.
Dec. 12	Eleanor Frances	"	4	"		Arthur W. Brown	Frances Wadleigh	Hampton Falls	Hampton Falls.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Hampton Falls, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1915

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
April 20	Hampton	Herbert C. Brown Carrie West	56 28	W "	Hampton Falls Kingston	John Brown Mary E. Brown Thomas Marden	1st 2d	Rev. J. A. Ross, Hampton.
June 26	Hampton Falls	William F. Knowles Jessie Swain	21 24	W "	Newburypt., Ms. Exeter	John E. Knowles Rosetta Fowler Nahum A. Swain Georgianna Merrill Milton P. Locke Sarah L. Bousley Charles C. Dowe Sarah C. Locke	1st "	Rev. G. S. Campbell, Hampton Falls.
Sept. 25	Boxford, Mass.	Silas M. Locke Minnie E. Janvin	60 49	W "	Salem, Mass. Kensington		2d "	Rev. E. L. Bradford, Boxford, Mass.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Hampton Falls, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1915

Date	Name and surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
Jan. 11	Harriet D. Healey	61	6	19	Hampton Falls	F	W	M	John W. Dodge	Harriet P. Dunklee.
18	Charles W. Lane	82	1	26	Hampton Falls	M	"	"	Simon Lane	Fannie Drake.
Feb. 28	Teresa D. Walton	70	9	4	Portsmouth	F	"	"	Joseph Chase	Diana Marshall.
Mar. 13	Eliza A. Drew	67	8	21	Hampton Falls	"	"	S	Timothy P. Drew	Lois Prescott.
21	Emily S. Moulton	72	10	27	Paris, Me.	"	"	W	Marshall H. Stearns	Mary Ann Chase.
22	Alvah D. Prescott	84	9	17	Hampton Falls	M	"	M	Robert S. Prescott	Almira Melcher.
27	William Henry Temple	53	4	19	Bedford, Mass.	"	"	"	Joseph Temple	Mary Files.
May 29	Mary A. Moulton	85	3	27	Brentwood	F	"	W	Daniel Smith	
Dec. 6	Marcia E. Brown	33	7	24	Hampton	"	"	M	Alvah Blake	Lucinda Walton.



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